

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the official action dated May 26, 2006. Claims 1-9 were pending in the application. In the official action, claims 1-9 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1-8 have been amended, and claim 9 has been canceled. Claims 1-8 thus remain for consideration.

Applicant submits that claims 1-8 are in condition for allowance and requests withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

§101 Rejections

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claim 9 has been canceled, thereby rendering its rejection moot.

§112 Rejections

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regard as the invention.

Claim 9 has been canceled, thereby rendering its rejection moot.

Claims 1-8 have been amended. Applicant submits that the amendments to claims 1-8 render claims 1-8 compliant with §112. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejections under §112 be withdrawn.

§102 Rejections

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Pant et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 6,012,053).

Claim 9 has been canceled, thereby rendering its rejection moot.

Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 7, and 8 are patentable over Pant.

Applicant's invention as recited in the independent claims is directed toward an information processing device, an information processing method, and a recording medium storing a program for implementing the information processing method. Each of the claims recites "acquiring data for [web] pages;" generating "a first weighting corresponding to pages which are in link relationships" based on "at least one count value" which is a number of appearances of a word within a page; and generating "a second weighting corresponding to pages which are in a link relationship with a predetermined page of said pages, the generating of said second weighting involving the use of said first weighting." The claims further recite that the second weighting is used to generate a sibling document frequency (SDF) and a coparent document frequency (CDF) which are, in turn, used to calculate a "page model extension value." The page model extension valve can be used to determine the relevance between acquired pages. Supporting disclosure regarding Applicant's first and second weightings can be found in the specification at, for example, page 21, line 17 - page 24, line 23.

Pant does not disclose the Applicant's recited scheme of generating first and second weightings. Accordingly, Applicant believes that claims 1, 7, and 8 patentable over Pant on at least this basis.

Further, since dependent claims inherit the limitations of their respective base claims, Applicant believes that dependent claims 2-6 are patentable over Pant for at least the same reasons as discussed in connection with claim 1.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which

action is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to telephone the undersigned at (908) 654-5000.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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